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SOUTH BRANCH, Dec. 14, 1881.
 Editor Avalanche:—Please accept a few extracts from letters received by my son James, from his cousin Howard, of London, England. He says: "The novelty in the Lord Mayor's show this year was the honoring the American flag, by the Lord Mayor. The Banner of the United States of America was escorted by a guard of honor of the Staff Sergeants of the 4th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment. The Right Honorable the Lord Mayor, stepped down from his state carriage when he arrived at the flag, uncovered his head, and so stood while the band played the American National Anthem. The brightness of the day and the undiminished popularity of the Lord Mayor's show, were no doubt the chief circumstances which brought together a crowd more numerous than has assembled on any 11th of November for years past. The people literally swarmed, some climbed up the slender structures from which the electric lamps were hung. The multitude was really wonderful to see, some looking from heights so great that the procession must have seemed to them little else than a brightly-colored moving thread. One man was perched on the great gilt cross of St. Paul's, 404 feet high. The individuals comprising the mass seemed to be on vastly good terms with themselves and every body else. When a halt of the procession occurred, considerable badinage or joking was indulged in. One who was in the procession says 'we were often surrounded by a laughing, cheering, dusty, sweating mob, who manifested the utmost interest in our behalf.' 'Were we quite sure we shouldn't take cold? Wouldn't we step out and take a little something warm? Did our mamma know of our whereabouts? Did our sisters, our cousins, and our aunts approve of our being in the show? Did we know how old the Mayor was? Would we like to be Lord Mayors ourselves? How much did our lavender kids cost us? At what establishment did you buy your hats? We were christened and unchristened a dozen times along our route, now Le-troy's, now Parnell's, and now Marmion House Turkeys. We received many offers of half-pence, and one four-penny piece.'"
 "The Lord Chief Justice in reply to an address, among many other things said: 'My Lord Mayor, that fact suggests to my mind the only subject upon which I propose to trouble you with any words, and that is the unchanging character of the great institution over which you preside, and which to-day your Lordship represents. Every other, or almost every other institution of this country has felt the touch of time and has been altered, more or less, as the centuries have rolled along, the authority of the Sovereign has been twice affected; the succession to the crown has been twice altered, once by war and once by the authority of Parliament; the law courts having existed for 600 or 700 years have had their forms in which some great men thought the substance of law resided entirely abolished; the church has been fundamentally altered by that long series of events which we are accustomed to call the Reformation; the House of Commons has twice in the life time of most of us present here, been reformed; almost every other municipal corporation in the country has been entirely, or almost entirely reconstituted; the corporation of London alone is presented to the eager scrutiny of 1881 wearing much the same features which it wore in 1681, or for aught I know, 1481. My Lord, in this free country no institution can for long maintain an existence unless it satisfies the intelligent opinion of the great mass of the people that it exists for the public good. Now, in the opinion of the great majority of educated Englishmen, the fact of its existence in a free country shows that the very ancient and long established corporation of the City of London, satisfies the country that it exists for the public good. I trust, my Lord Mayor, that it may long be so.'"
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STATIONS.	THROUGH	THROUGH	THROUGH
Jackson	7:00 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
River Junction	7:20	4:50	7:50
Macon	7:35	5:15	8:10
Holt	7:50	5:30	8:25
Lansing	8:00	5:45	8:35
North Lansing	8:15	5:50	8:50
Bath	8:25	6:00	9:00
Lansingburg	8:40	6:15	9:15
Beaumont	8:55	6:30	9:30
D. & M. Crossing	9:10	6:45	9:45
Owosso	9:25	7:00	10:00
Oakley	9:40	7:15	10:15
Chemung	9:55	7:30	10:30
St. Charles	10:10	7:45	10:45
W. & M. Crossing	10:25	8:00	11:00
Saginaw City	10:40	8:15	11:15
S. Saginaw	11:00	8:35	11:35
F. & P. M. Jan.	11:15	8:50	11:50
Elizabethtown	11:30	9:05	12:05
West Bay City	11:45	9:20	12:20
Bay City	12:00	9:35	12:35

MACKINAW DIVISION.

STATIONS.		Freight	Mail.
West Bay City		8 15 a.m.	1 40 p.m.
Bay City	Lv	8 35	1 50
St Ignace		8 45	2 12
St Ignace		10 05	2 30
St Ignace		11 05	3 15
St Ignace		12 30 p.m.	4 48
St Ignace		2 10	5 30
St Ignace		3 30 p.m.	6 30
St Ignace		4 50	7 30
St Ignace		6 50 p.m.	8 45
St Ignace		8 10	9 30
St Ignace	Ar	8 30	9 50
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STATIONS.		Freight	Mail.
Gaylord	Ev	5 00 a.m.	10 50 a.m.
Ontonagon Lake		6 00	11 15
Gaylord		7 45	12 02 p.m.
Roseaucon		9 05	1 00
St Ignace		10 15	1 20
West Branch		11 05	2 00
Wells		12 30 p.m.	2 40
Staudash		2 05	3 38
Phenocing		3 00	4 15
Sawkinson		4 30	5 30
West Bay City		4 30	5 15
Bay City	Ar.	5 30	5 30
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